

Written Testimony on HB 7150

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To all members of the Education Committee:

I am writing this to express my strong opposition to proposed HB 7150 and any other bill that would transfer portion of the State pension liability for teachers to municipalities. I am a parent of three boys and the only reason my husband and I invested our savings to buy a house in Wilton was to provide an excellent education for our children. The proposed cost sharing scheme will directly affect my kids education. Wilton school district will not be able to hire the teachers it wishes as it will be punished for paying in excess of the state median. Also pushing the state responsibility to cover the teachers pension to the municipalities is unfair punishment especially for small towns like Wilton, a district that has responsibly managed its finance.

Please vote NO to HB 7150 and keep our highly performing districts' finances local, without adding tax burden to cover for our state leaders' financial mismanagement.

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